

Agenda for Telephone Interview
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computer or database
the host automatically collecting and analyzing the information about the items

About a selected item is and analyzed from at least two of the enterprises.
~~from the enterprise databases associated with each of the enterprises, wherein~~ *information is*
~~collecting and analyzing the information includes collecting and analyzing~~
information about a selected item available from at least two of the enterprises, and

a host database in communication with the host and adapted for storing the
information collected from the enterprise databases,

computer or database
wherein the host is further adapted for providing a host graphical user interface
through which the shoppers can view, over the network, the information stored in the
host database.

computer implemented
34. (Proposed Amendment) A method for tracking progress of bids placed
on one or more items offered for purchase at a plurality of auction sites, the method
comprising:

computer or database
providing a host in communication with the auction sites over the network,
providing a host database in communication with the host, *computer*

periodically searching the plurality of auction sites across the communication
network via the host, and *computer or database* retrieving auction information posted by the auction sites,
~~wherein retrieving the auction information includes retrieving auction information~~
corresponding to a selected item from at least two auction sites, and

extracting from the auction information item information associated with items
offered for purchase by the auction sites, and storing the item information within a
hierarchy of item categories in the host database.

REMARKS

The claimed system and method aggregates information from multiple
enterprises having separate exchanges and provides that information to shoppers.
Claim 1 specifies a step of automatically collecting and analyzing the information